

Newsletter: Week 8

The value we are thinking about this half-term is: LOVE

'If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.'

Corinthians 13

Update from Mrs Nettleship

Dear Parents,

It has been good to be back at school this week after the half term holiday, and to see all the Autumnal changes to the grounds of St Mary's. We also welcomed back Forest School and the children who attended this week had a fantastic time. I really enjoyed meeting with many of you at our very well attended parents evenings, and I hope you all had a chance to sample the wonderful food from our kitchen.

I would like to invite you all to the Parent Teacher Association's (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 9th November at 5pm. The PTA consists of parents who volunteer their time and do wonderful work raising money for the school to enable us to complete projects that the school otherwise could not afford. At this meeting, we will be presenting the plan to change the PTA to a charity. Part of the process includes electing members of the committee for the year ahead. I hope many of you will be able to come and support us in this.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Nettleship



Notices:

- For the safety of all children and staff, parking within the school site is not permitted during drop off and collection. This includes Breakfast Club drop off and After School Club collection. Thank you for your co-operation with this.
- If you know a family who is interested in Nursery or school places, please encourage them to book a tour. Just contact the school office.
- If you need a DBS check to help in school or volunteer on trips please contact office@stmarysschoolng.org

Dates/ Information

- 6th November: Grey Willow Class Big Bang
- 7th November: Football Tournament at Khalsa Primary School
- 8th November: Dogs Trust
- 9th November: Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30
- 10th November: Dogs Trust
- 13th-17th November: Year 5 Bikeability
- 15th November: Grey Willow Class visit St Mary's Church- parents welcome
- 23rd November: Parent Tour for new Nursery and Reception intake Reception in intake intake at 9.30am.



We are gathering additional resources for our breakfast club. If you have any old Lego, K'nex, small cars or animals that you could give us we would be very grateful.

Our Vision - 'Good Ground Grows Well'

Through our Christian ethos, we teach children to hear, understand and live the word of God, helping them to give back to the world as global citizens. As every child is uniquely created in God's image, we nurture their individual development through a holistic approach to all aspects of life.

Look at how busy we've been and how we've grown this week!



Ash Class

This week in Ash Class we have started our 'Let's explore' topic. In RE we have introduced the idea of a special baby arrival for Christmas. In maths, we carried out practical activities to explore one more and one less. We had a lot of fun!



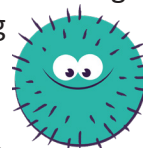
Beech Class

Beech Class has adopted an elephant to support endangered animals! In RE, we discussed Angel Gabriel's importance in the story of the Nativity. In English, we practiced rhyming words, and in maths we continued to look at addition using part whole model.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have learnt that recipes are examples of instructional writing and can identify the features in our non-fiction English topic. In maths, we have learnt 10 more and 10 less, as well as adding and subtracting 10s. In PE, we created our penguin dance.



Elm Class

Elm Class compared different fable stories, and discovered the moral lesson behind them. In maths, we learnt about units of measurements, and worked out the perimeter of shapes. In PSHE we learnt about the negative effects of smoking.



Field Maple Class

This week, Year 5 have started looking at our new topic in history and science. They have really enjoyed learning some key dates in the history of Ancient Egypt, and learning about different types of forces on an object. We have also created a 'wisdom' wall for RE.



Grey Willow Class

Grey Willow Class learnt about recounts in English, and completed operations/mental calculations in maths. We also discussed how different countries celebrate the Day of the Dead, and created colourful artwork related to it.



Thought for the week

He said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.' And again he said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' - Luke 13:18-21.

Something to think about

Mustard seeds are pretty small. Yeast is tiny.

A mustard seed seems so insignificant but can become a nine-foot high, mustard plant. Yeast seems so insignificant but think about how important it is as you eat your sandwiches.

Jesus didn't come as a mighty warrior with a mass army. He came as a baby, born into a poor rural community.

Jesus didn't build huge buildings and establish mass marketing plans.

He left the vital good news message in the hands of a few terrified disciples, many of whom had dubious backgrounds.

The kingdom is like mustard seeds and yeast. God is often at work in what the world sees as unimportant and the insignificant. However, God's kingdom is expanding and growing all around us. It just depends what kind of lens we are looking through.

It is easy to feel small and insignificant. But then just remember this parable and remember that you have a role to play for the king and the kingdom.



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Dear Parent/Carer

St Marys CofE Primary School extra-curricular clubs,

The following extra-curricular clubs will begin week commencing 18th September through to week commencing 18th December 2023: - (excluding Half term 23rd – 27th October 2023). **Price reduces accordingly if you book on at a later date.**

Monday	Years 1 - 4	Multi-sports	18 th September – 18 th December (13wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£65.00
Friday	Years 3 - 6	Football	22 nd September – 15 th December (12wks)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£60.00

All clubs will now be available to book online through our PSD website on a first come first serve basis.

There will be a maximum of 20 spaces available for each club (minimum 12 for club to take place). Please visit www.thepsdgroup.org.uk to book your child's place.

Clubs are open to boys and girls of all abilities the coaching programme introduces young players to the fundamentals of sport. Coaching sessions aim to improve ability, build confidence, and emphasize the importance of sportsmanship whilst maintaining a realistic perspective of competition.

All coaches are NGB qualified, first aid trained, child-protection educated and hold relevant DBS checks.

Player of the week certificates will be presented at the end of the session.

Please note: Every effort will be made to ensure the club runs outside on the playground. If however, the weather prevents the session going ahead, a classroom theory based session will take place. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing to keep them warm in the colder months.

Kind regards

The PSD Group

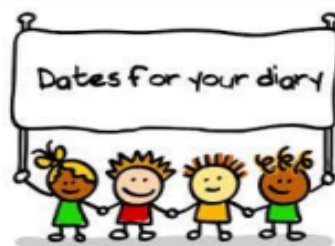
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St Mary's School, Norwood Green: Dates for Autumn Term 2023-2024

Monday 6 th November	Y6 Big Bang
Tuesday 7 th November	Football tournament at Khalsa Primary-1.00pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Dogs Trust
Thursday 9 th November	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 7.00pm
Friday 10 th November	Dogs Trust
Monday 13 th -17 th November	Bikeability Year 5
Wednesday 15 th November	Grey Willow Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00 – parents welcome
Thursday 16 th November	Openbox Workshop–Ash, Beech, Chestnut and Elm Class
Friday 17 th November	Field Maple Class Litter Picking at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Field Maple Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Thursday 23 rd November	Parent Tour for new Nursery and September 2024 Reception intake at 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd November	Field Maple Assembly 2.30pm – parents welcome
Wednesday 29 th November	Elm Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Thursday 30 th November	School Photographs
Friday 1 st December	Grey Willow Class Litter Picking-1.30pm
Friday 8 th December	Chestnut Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am– parents welcome
Monday 11 th December	Pantomime
Wednesday 13 th December	Beech Class visit St Mary's Church at 9.00am – parents welcome
Friday 15 th December	Reception and Nursery Nativity
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas lunch
Tuesday 19 th December	Chestnut Class Nativity
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Term (finish at 1.15pm)